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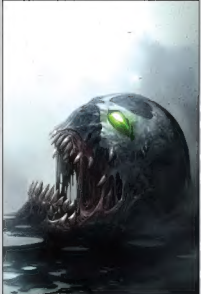
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PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

Spawn goes on a killing rampage and unleashes power he's never had before. Elsewhere in the prison, the convicts have disappeared out of their cells and are wreaking havoc, which Spawn planned on. He now roams the empty cell block, looking for the demon who has the name Spawn needs to further his agenda. On the other side of the country, Overt-Kill is running rampant in New York.




FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, OUTSIDE FORCES
HAVE PREYED UPON THE WEAKNESS OF MAN.
GREED. LUST. POWER. THESE EMOTIONS HAVE
ALL BEEN WEAPONIZED AGAINST MANKIND
BY CREATURES AND 'THINGS' **NOT EVEN**
CLOSE TO BEING HUMAN.

AND THEIR PARADE ON EARTH
TURNED THESE SCAVENGERS
INTO SHADOW PLAYERS WHOSE
ONLY GOAL WAS THE DOMINATION
OF OUR SPECIES.

AND FEAR WAS THE
CURRENCY THEY DEALT
WITH MOST.

BUT THEIR PATH TO EARTH,
THAT OF THE '**DEAD ZONE**,'
WAS RECENTLY SEALED,
LEAVING ONLY THOSE THAT
WERE ALREADY HERE TO
FACE **SPAWN'S** WRATH.

CRASH

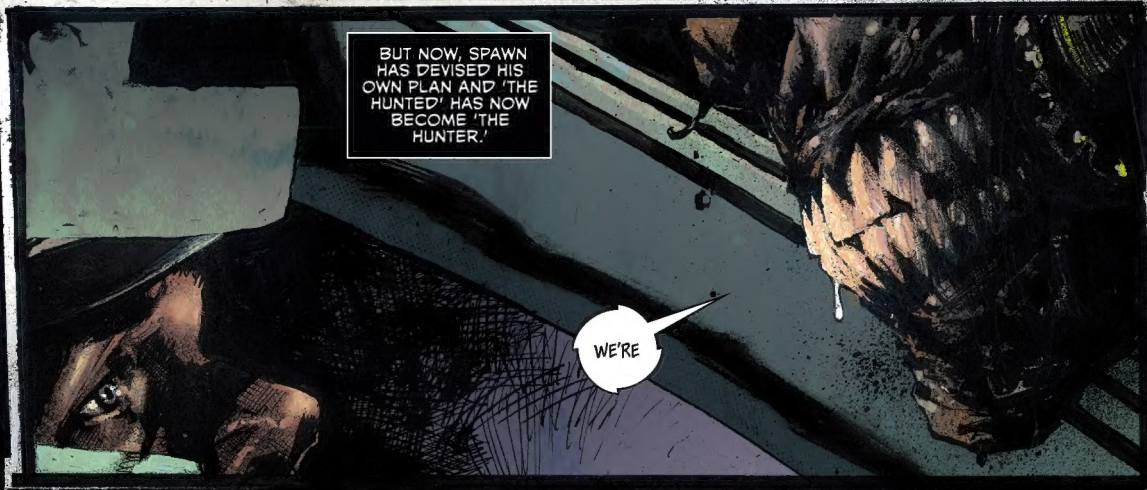


BECAUSE AFTER YEARS OF BEING
HUNTED BY HEAVEN AND HELL, SPAWN
NOW KNOWS THEY HAD **NOTHING** TO
DO WITH OUR CREATION.

RELIGION WAS INVENTED
BY THEM TO BECOME A
CONSTRUCT TO FEED
OUR INNOCENT SOULS.
AND WE DEVoured THEIR
RELIGIOUS MYTHS UNTIL
IT MADE US ALL SICK.



THEY EVEN GAVE THEMSELVES
NAMES: ANGELS, DEMONS.
GOD, SATAN.



BUT NOW, SPAWN
HAS DEVISED HIS
OWN PLAN AND 'THE
HUNTED' HAS NOW
BECOME 'THE
HUNTER.'

WE'RE



COMING



HE BEGAN PLANNING MONTHS
AGO BY FORMULATING SOME
BASIC STEPS.



FIRST HE NEEDED
TO 'GATHER.'

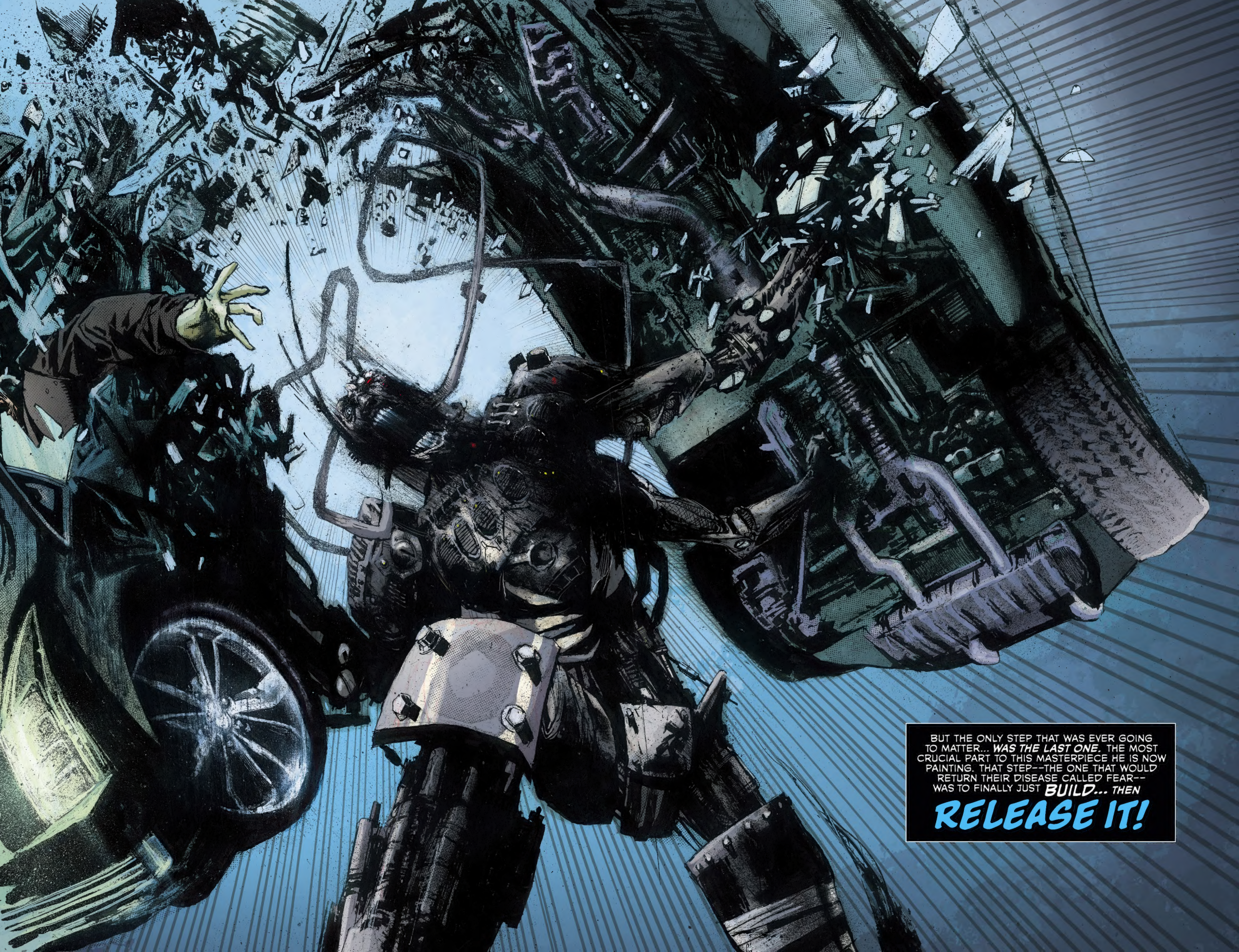


THEN HE NEEDED
TO 'EXTRACT.'



NEXT HE HAD TO 'PROCESS
AND REFINE.'



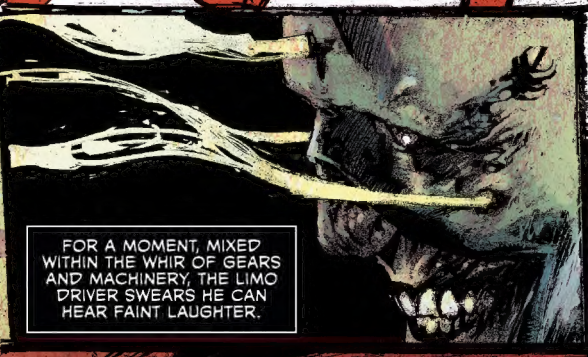


BUT THE ONLY STEP THAT WAS EVER GOING TO MATTER... **WAS THE LAST ONE**. THE MOST CRUCIAL PART TO THIS MASTERPIECE HE IS NOW PAINTING. THAT STEP--THE ONE THAT WOULD RETURN THEIR DISEASE CALLED FEAR-- WAS TO FINALLY JUST **BUILD... THEN**

RELEASE IT!



SLAM



SPAWN HAS ACCEPTED THAT HE CAN NEVER WIN, FIGHTING HIS WAR ALONE. HE'S GOING TO NEED AN ARMY. AND WEAPONS. BUT BEFORE ANY OF THAT... HE NEEDED A LABORATORY.



WHEN HE COMPLETED THAT, HE BECAME HIS OWN DOCTOR FRANKENSTEIN.

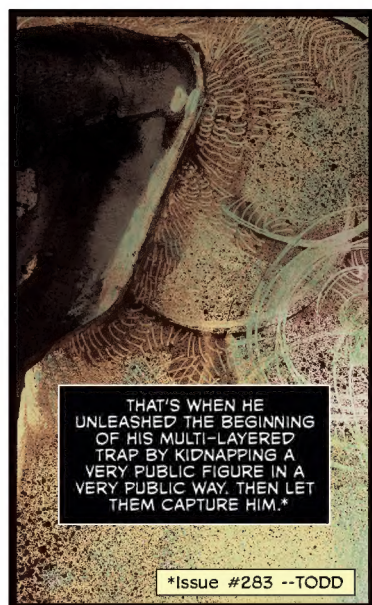


AND BECAUSE HE KNEW WHAT WAS TO COME, HE BEGAN HIS FIRST "PROJECT" BY MAKING THE BOTTOM HALF OF OVERT-KILL.



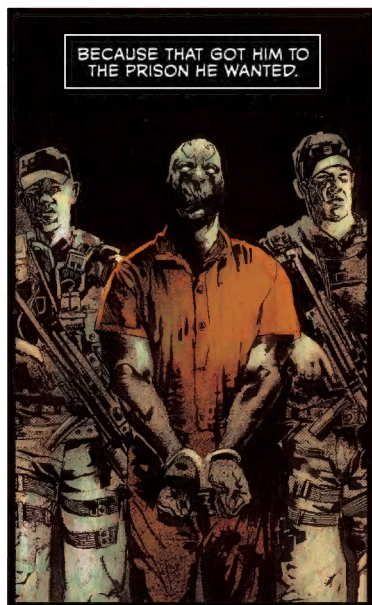


BECAUSE HE
KNEW WHERE
THEY WERE
KEEPING HIS
TOP HALF.

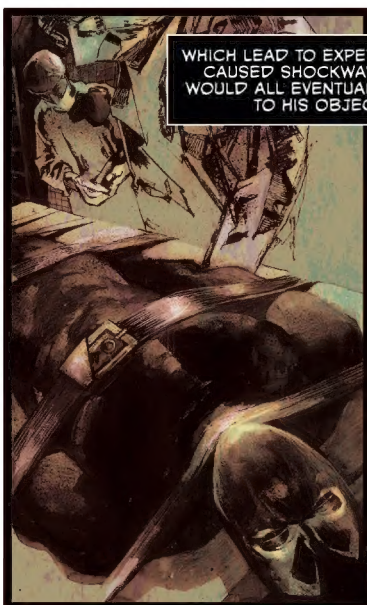


THAT'S WHEN HE
UNLEASHED THE BEGINNING
OF HIS MULTI-LAYERED
TRAP BY KIDNAPPING A
VERY PUBLIC FIGURE IN A
VERY PUBLIC WAY. THEN LET
THEM CAPTURE HIM.*

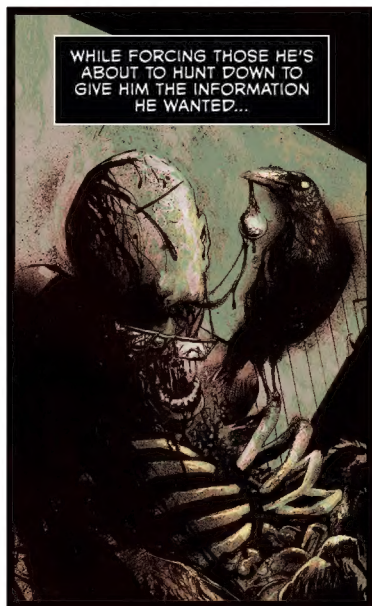
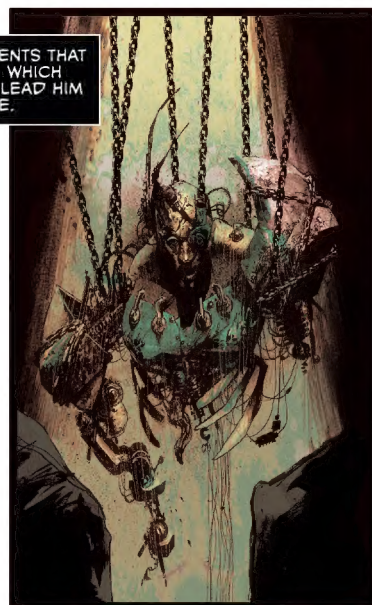
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BECAUSE THAT GOT HIM TO
THE PRISON HE WANTED.



WHICH LEAD TO EXPERIMENTS THAT
CAUSED SHOCKWAVES WHICH
WOULD ALL EVENTUALLY LEAD HIM
TO HIS OBJECTIVE.



WHILE FORCING THOSE HE'S
ABOUT TO HUNT DOWN TO
GIVE HIM THE INFORMATION
HE WANTED...



...WHILE THE ENTIRE WORLD
WATCHED HIS PLANS
UNFOLD IN PLAIN SIGHT.





THIS IS
YOUR FAULT,
SPAWN.

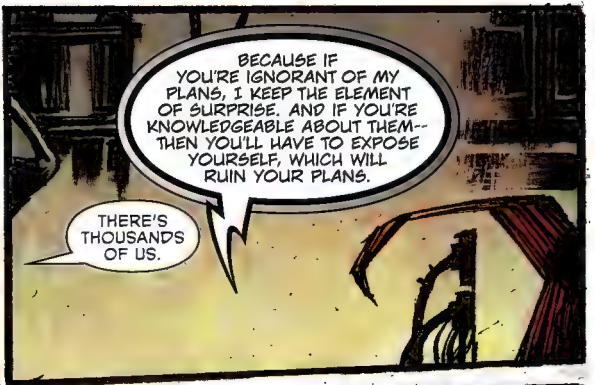


AND UNTIL
YOU UNLOCK THE
'DEAD ZONES'
WE'RE ALL GOING
TO BE GUNNING
FOR YOU.

YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHAT I'M
DOING, DO
YOU?

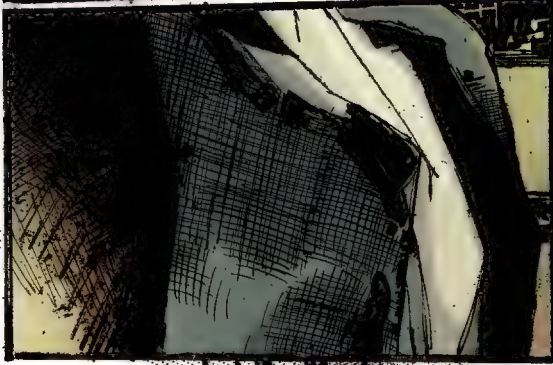
I'M PUTTING
YOU ALL IN A
TRAP IN WHICH
I WIN EVERY
OUTCOME.





BECAUSE IF YOU'RE IGNORANT OF MY PLANS, I KEEP THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE. AND IF YOU'RE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THEM-- THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO EXPOSE YOURSELF, WHICH WILL RUIN YOUR PLANS.

THERE'S THOUSANDS OF US.



THEN THIS WILL BE FUN, WON'T IT?

YOUR SIDE HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO CONCEIVE FOR A MOMENT THAT HUMANKIND CAN EVER BE YOUR EQUAL. THAT'S YOUR BLIND SPOT... AND I'M GOING TO EXPLOIT THAT.

HOW? BY PICKING US OFF ONE AT A TIME? GOOD LUCK WITH THAT. HEAVEN WON'T STAND IDLY BY.

THEY'RE LOCKED OUT, REMEMBER? AND STOP TRYING TO DISTANCE YOURSELF FROM HELL. THEY'RE YOUR PARTNERS IN ALL THIS. YOUR MASTER JUST HASN'T TOLD YOU THAT PART YET.




SO NOW WHAT?



NOW I MAKE A SLIGHT MODIFICATION.





SAME AT MY
END. SOME ARE
THREATENING TO PULL
FUNDING. THEY DON'T
LIKE HOW PUBLIC THIS
IS GETTING. WHAT DO
WE TELL THEM?

TELL THEM TO SIT
ON THEIR HANDS AND STOP
CALLING. IN FACT, USE A BACK
CHANNEL AND TELL THEM TO STOP
TALKING, PERIOD. THE MEDIA IS
CRAWLING UP OUR ASS AND THEY
AREN'T GOING TO LET THIS GO
UNTIL THEY FIND THE ANSWERS
THEY'RE LOOKING FOR.

HAVING
A BUNCH OF
PHONE RECORDS
AND EMAILS
WILL BITE US IN
THE ASS.

SO, WHAT'S THE
PLAN? THIS IS GETTING
WAY OUT OF CONTROL.
I'M GETTING CALLS FROM
CONTACTS ALL OVER
THE GLOBE.

WHY'S THE
HELLSPAWN BEING
RECKLESS?

HE'S NOT
BEING RECK-
LESS. HE'S BEING
CALCULATING.
PLAYING THE
SAME GAME
WE DO.

WHAT SHOULD
CONCERN ALL OF US
IS WHO'S TEACHING HIM.
BECAUSE NO HELLSPAWN
HAS EVER HAD THE MENTAL
CAPABILITIES TO DISRUPT
THE 'NATURAL ORDER.'
SO, SOMEWHERE, WE'VE
GOT A TURNCOAT. AND A
HIGH RANKING ONE
AT THAT.

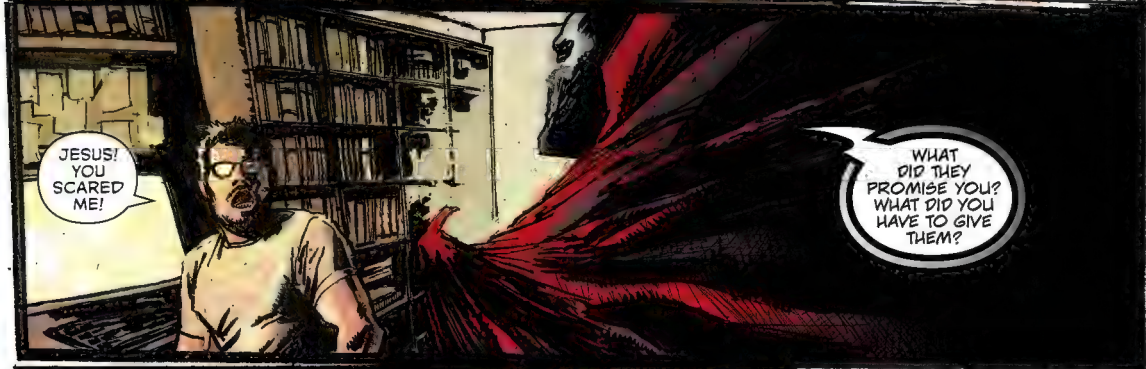
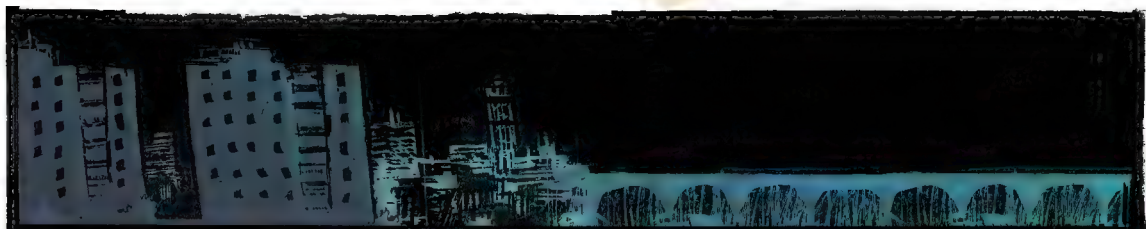
**YOU'RE
PARANOID!**
EVERYONE'S BEEN
ACCOUNTED FOR ON
OUR SIDE, AT LEAST THOSE
THAT COUNT. HE'S JUST GONE
TOTALLY ROGUE BECAUSE
THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE---IT'S
WHAT SPAWNS DO. EMOTION
AND RAGE IS WHAT DRIVES
THEM AND I'M GUESSING
HE PRETTY PISSED THAT
THEY TOOK OUT HIS
EX-WIFE.

I WAS
AGAINST IT
FROM THE BEGIN-
NING. NOW IT'S
BACKFIRED AND
IT'S OUR ASSES IN
A SLING, NOT THE
BIG BOYS.

TELL THEM
THEIR POWER,
COMPANIES AND
CASHFLOW ARE
ALL ON THE
LINE.

IF THAT'S
ALL YOU THINK THIS IS,
YOU'RE USELESS. HE'S
TAKING THIS FIGHT DIRECTLY
TO US BECAUSE HE WANTS US
TO REACT. AND THE MORE WE
DO, THE MORE HE WINS. SO
GET ON YOUR PHONES AND
SHUT EVERYONE DOWN.

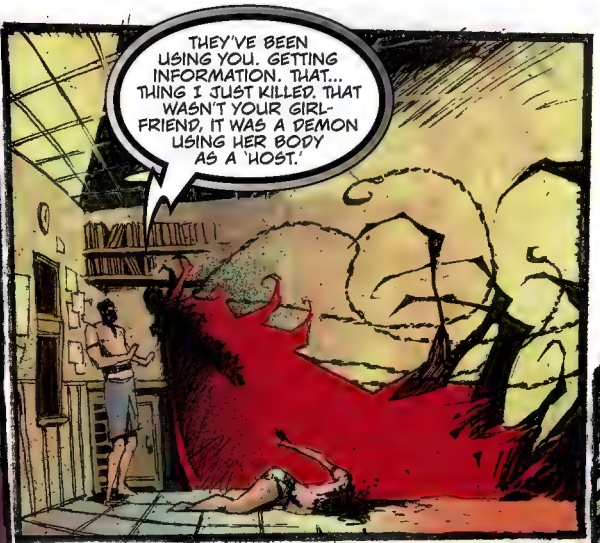
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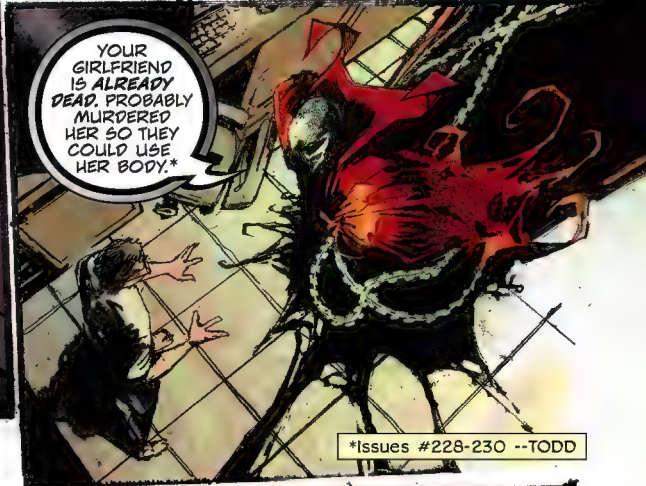




HOLY SHIT! WHAT DID YOU DO?! YOU CRAZY F*CK!



THEY'VE BEEN USING YOU. GETTING INFORMATION. THAT... THING I JUST KILLED, THAT WASN'T YOUR GIRLFRIEND, IT WAS A DEMON USING HER BODY AS A 'HOST'.



YOUR GIRLFRIEND IS ALREADY DEAD. PROBABLY MURDERED HER SO THEY COULD USE HER BODY.*

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YOU'RE A TARGET TOO. THE MOMENT YOU MET JIM DOWNING YOU BECAME A PART OF ALL THIS, WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT.

YOU'RE INSANE!



SHE WAS A SPY. SO, DO YOUR HOMEWORK. GET AN AUTOPSY ON HER. THEN TELL ME I'M CRAZY. SHE WASN'T HUMAN.



GET YOUR SHIT TOGETHER. WHEN I COME BACK I'LL NEED YOU TO DO ME A FAVOR.

...THANK YOU
FOR GIVING US SO
MUCH OF YOUR TIME, I'M
SURE THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE APPRECIATE IT. I
ONLY HAVE A FEW MORE
QUESTIONS, IF YOU
DON'T MIND?



SURE. FIRE
AWAY, AND YOU'RE
RIGHT, I THINK THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE
WILL LIKE THIS
INTERVIEW.

AS YOU KNOW,
NOT EVERYONE SEES
YOUR POLICIES AS A
POSITIVE. YOUR RECENT
TARIFF WARS, FOR
INSTANCE. WHAT WOULD
YOU LIKE TO TELL
YOUR SKEPTICS?

FIRST, I LOVE
EVERYONE. AND MOST
OF THEM LOVE ME TOO.
I'M DOING THE GREATEST
EVER FOR THE ECONOMY.
THE POLLS SAY SO.
LOOK THEM UP. SO,
IF I COULD...

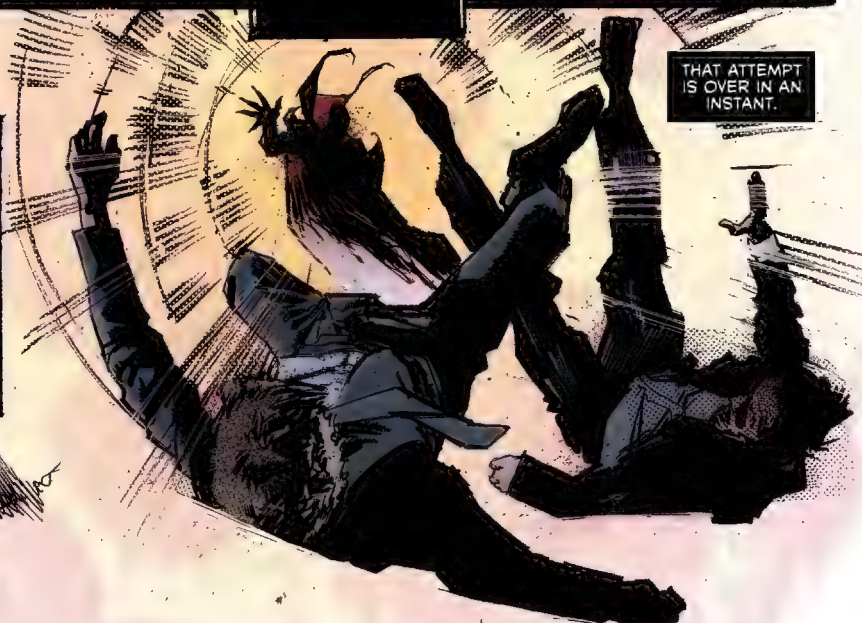
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PAUL,
TELL SECURITY
WE JUST LOST
POWER.

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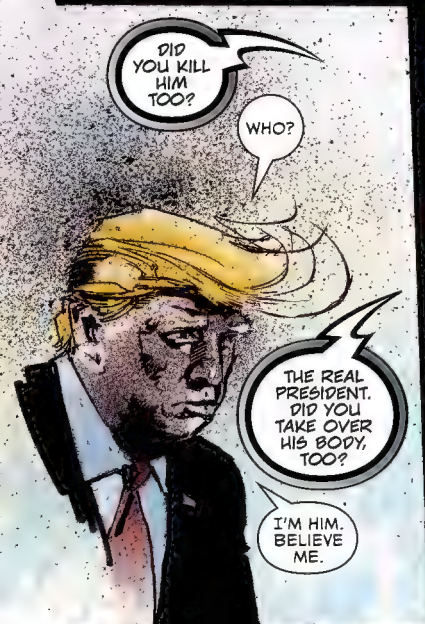
BODYGUARDS JUMP
TO PROTECT THEIR
PRESIDENT.

THAT ATTEMPT
IS OVER IN AN
INSTANT.





SPAWN SEALS
OFF THE ROOM
JUST AS FAST.



DID
YOU KILL
HIM
TOO?

WHO?

THE REAL
PRESIDENT.
DID YOU
TAKE OVER
HIS BODY,
TOO?

I'M HIM.
BELIEVE
ME.



WHAT'S
THIS?

FWAP



YOU
KNOW
EXACTLY
WHAT
THAT IS.



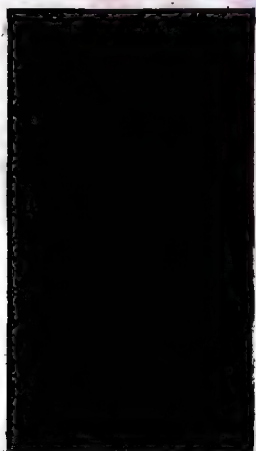
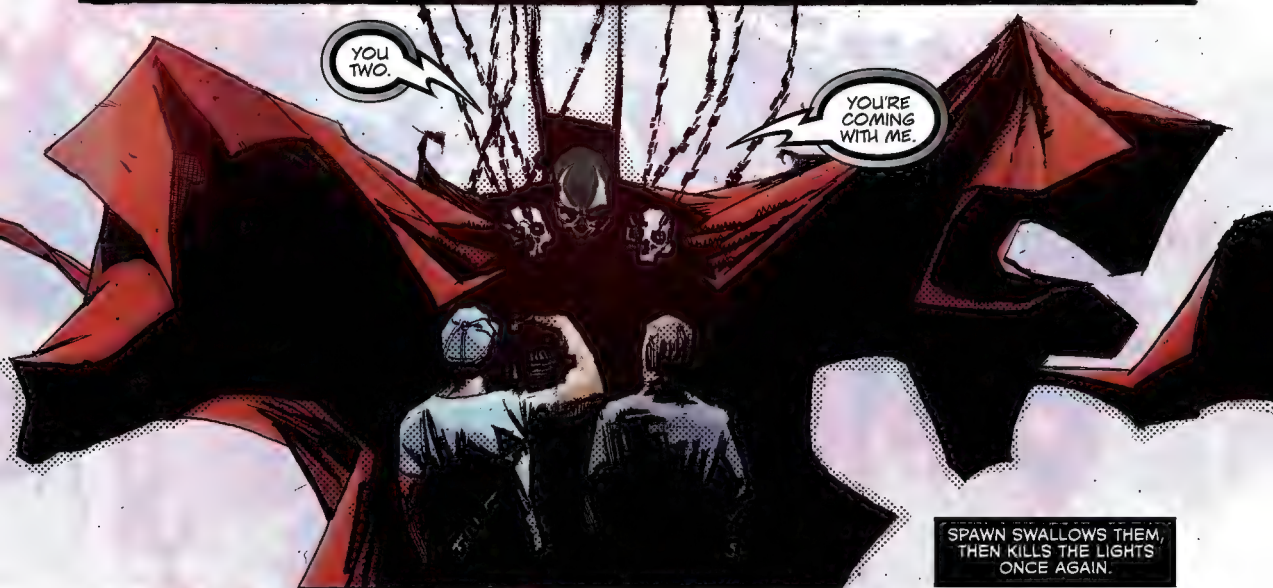
AND
HERE'S YOUR
PUPPET,
GIDEON.



WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?

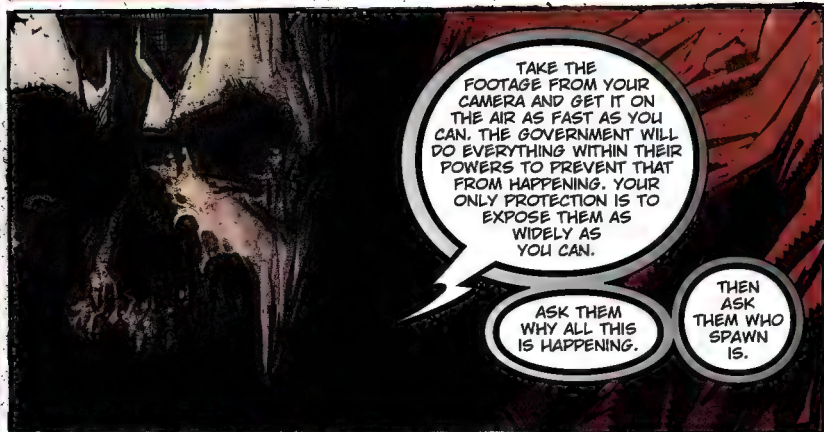
I WANT TO
KNOW...
**WHO
KILLED
MY
WIFE?!**

YOU'RE NOT
SMART ENOUGH TO
BE THE MASTERMIND...
AND YOU'RE NOT THE
ONLY LEADER THEY'VE
DONE THIS TO. BUT NOW
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO
TELL THE WORLD ENOUGH
LIES TO COVER UP
WHAT THEY'RE
ABOUT TO SEE.





IF EITHER
OF YOU WANT TO
LIVE PAST TONIGHT
YOU'LL DO
EXACTLY WHAT
I SAY.



TAKE THE
FOOTAGE FROM YOUR
CAMERA AND GET IT ON
THE AIR AS FAST AS YOU
CAN. THE GOVERNMENT WILL
DO EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR
POWERS TO PREVENT THAT
FROM HAPPENING. YOUR
ONLY PROTECTION IS TO
EXPOSE THEM AS
WIDELY AS
YOU CAN.

ASK THEM
WHY ALL THIS
IS HAPPENING.

THEN
ASK
THEM WHO
SPAWN
IS.



YOU JUST...
ATTACKED THE
PRESIDENT.



I ATTACKED
YOUR ENEMY.
THE WORLD
JUST DOESN'T
KNOW THEY'RE
HERE.

"AND SOON EVERYONE'S GOING
TO KNOW MY NAME, AND THOSE
WHO ARE ON MY SIDE."

OVERT-KILL.

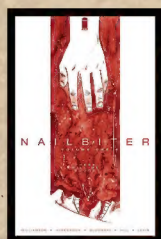
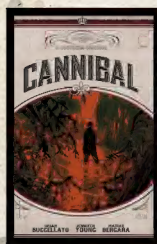
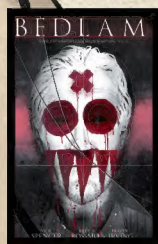
THE CURSE

CY-GOR

THE FREAK.



DELICIOUSLY DARK,
BLOODY GOOD
HORROR
STORIES



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"I KNOW EVERYBODY LIES IN BLURBS, BUT THIS COMIC REALLY IS AMAZING. DO NOT GLOSS OVER THESE WORDS. THIS IS TWO GUYS AT THE TOP OF THEIR GAME."

—MARK MILLAR



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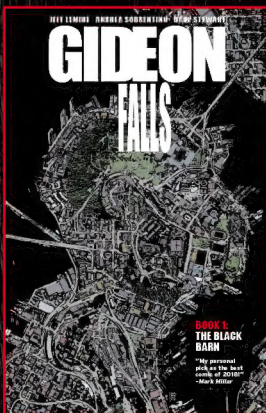
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"Sorrentino's art offers some visually complex layouts that I found to be quite compelling. Overall, I'm really enjoying this story and the mysterious complexities it brings."

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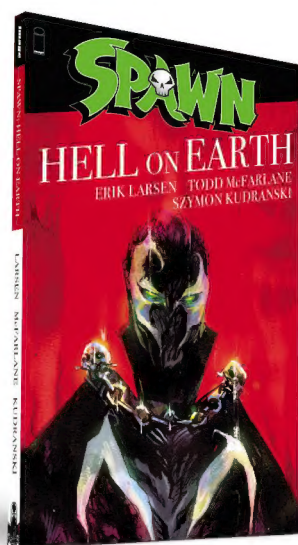


DEMON'S DAYS ARE NUMBERED.

Killed by his own men, Government Agent Al Simmons struck a deal with the devil, resurrecting him from the depths of hell. Returning to Earth he guards the forgotten alleys of New York City as the warrior Spawn, a hero unlike any other. Seeking answers about his past, Spawn grapples with the dark forces that returned him to earth, battling enemies and discovering unlikely allies.

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